



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7091

LCO No. 3473



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
AND ADDICTION SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
REVISIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
REGULATED PROFESSIONALS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 19a-12e of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (d) A health care professional who has been the subject of an arrest
5 arising out of an allegation of the possession, use, prescription for use
6 or distribution of a controlled substance or legend drug or alcohol [or
7 diagnosed with a mental illness or behavioral or emotional disorder]
8 shall, not less than thirty days after such arrest, [or diagnosis,] notify
9 the Department of Public Health. The health care professional shall be
10 deemed to satisfy this obligation if the health care professional seeks
11 intervention with the assistance program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-12e(d)
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Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendation of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to prohibit diagnosis with a mental illness or behavioral or emotional disorder from being grounds for a petition regarding a health care professional's inability to practice with reasonable care or safety.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]